

in the family, divorce, job loss, unexpected medical expenses and other events can all contribute financial hardships. Our family farmers are facing low commodity prices and other unavoidable situations, and their farms should be protected. Small businesses should be provided with the ability to get out of bankruptcy quickly. We all want to enable these groups to find relief in filing for bankruptcy, while ensuring that all consumers are protected. Mr. Speaker, I believe that H.R. 333 accomplishes these goals, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

MARCH CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I have named Frederick Brewington, Attorney and community activist in Hempstead as Citizen of the Month in the Fourth Congressional District for March 2001.

When there is an issue the public is concerned about, you can bet Frederick is there, fighting against injustices, and seeking the truth. Our community is better because Frederick is with us.

A graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, Frederick opened his personal practice in Hempstead over 13 years ago. His law firm handles civil and voting rights, employment discrimination, constitutional law, and fair housing cases.

In addition to his practice, Frederick also finds time to teach Federal Pretrial Litigation and Trial Practice at Touro College in Huntington. A much-sought after public speaker, Frederick has addressed the Nassau Bar Association on numerous occasions, taught at the Practising Law Institute, and conducted many media interviews.

Frederick stands out from the crowd because of his commitment to all elements of community activism. Well-fought legal battles are only part of his contribution to Nassau. He is an active member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, where he serves as a Trustee, and he is a certified Lay Preacher.

He has proven that a community is what you make of it. He has lived on Long Island, in Albany, and in Massachusetts. Frederick has been honored by all three communities, and has a long list of titles, awards of recognition, and certificates of appreciation from each.

Every so often you come across someone who is so actively, so immersed in his or her community, that you have to stop and wonder how he or she does it. Frederick is one of those people.

Frederick and his wife, Adrienne, who is pastor of United Methodist Church of Westbury, reside in Freeport.

AIDS CRISIS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the AIDS death toll now stands at a staggering 21,800,000.

Sheer numbers tell us that AIDS is one of the most pressing humanitarian issues that faces the international community. From Africa, to Bangladesh, to back home in Michigan, AIDS is crippling the human condition. It is our responsibility to do all that we can to thwart this deadly pandemic.

Internationally, we should take a leadership role in combating AIDS. Of the 36 million people infected by the HIV virus today, 25 million live in sub-Saharan Africa. That is why the World Bank AIDS Trust Fund needs the full \$150 million to fund its efforts to assist those countries hardest hit by HIV/AIDS, particularly those in sub-Saharan Africa. I urge President Bush to continue to support President Clinton's initiative that made the patent laws over HIV/AIDS drugs in sub-Saharan Africa less stringent. This will allow African AIDS patients to more easily get their hands on the medicine which they so desperately need. In promoting education and prevention abroad, we are taking fundamental steps to battling this crisis at home which knows no borders, age, or race.

AIDS is also hitting us hard at home. More than 700,000 cases of AIDS have been reported in the United States since 1981, and as many as 900,000 Americans may be infected with HIV. In Michigan, Detroit hospitals are having a hard time providing quality HIV/AIDS care because of the costs involved. Nationwide, we need to ensure that hospitals have the proper resources to provide AIDS patients with the quality care they deserve. Half of all new HIV infections are estimated to occur between the ages of 13–24. We need to ensure that our young people have the knowledge and counseling necessary to prevent and battle this disease.

Concrete steps need to be taken to battle this overwhelming problem. The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program needs at least \$300 million this year to continue to do its job. It is the only Federal program that helps our cities and States address the housing crisis facing people living with AIDS. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is in need of \$10 million dollars to develop and implement a grassroots HIV/AIDS prevention media campaign for minorities. Every dollar we spend on prevention saves many lives and dollars in the long run.

It is crucial that we are not only reactive in this situation, but strongly proactive as well. I hope that all of my colleagues will do the right things, and support funding for AIDS prevention and increasing access to medication for our worldwide community. We need adequate resources to deal with this terrible crisis at home and abroad. Millions of lives are at stake.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS: EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH CHARITABLE GIVING

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, in keeping with the celebration of Women's History month, I rise to inform my colleagues and their constituents about a unique program, Dress for Success, designed to provide low-income women with appropriate dress clothing for job interviews.

Dress for Success is a non-profit organization that helps low-income women to make the transition into the workforce. To assist in this transition, Dress for Success provides each of its clients with one business suit when they receive an interview and a second suit when they secure job placement. Most of these women are referred by organizations such as domestic violence shelters, job training programs, and programs for incarcerated women. To date, Dress for Success has provided suits to over 50,000 women.

"Clean Your Closet Week" is its annual major business suit drive, and it is being observed during the period of March 17th—March 24th. This year "Clean Your Closet Week" will be celebrated in over 50 cities in the United States. One of the drop off points may be in or near your district. I encourage you to inform your constituents about this worthy and important event so that more women can be aided with re-entry into the work force. To find the Dress for Success site nearest you, please visit their web site at www.dressforsuccess.org.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to explore how this program works to provide appropriate business attire to women, and how it acts to improve their self-esteem. This program promotes charitable giving to individuals in needs of assistance. We all aspire to dress for success, therefore, we should endeavor to help those who are less fortunate to realize their goals to look and feel their best.

HONORING ELDRED CLIFFORD SCHROEDER

HON. GARY MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the heroic deeds of Eldred Clifford Schroeder, a distinguished World War II veteran.

In February of 1943, at the height of World War II, 24-year-old Eldred Clifford Schroeder was drafted into the United States Army, where he was assigned to the 786th Bombardment Squadron in the European theater of operations. He climbed the ranks to become a Technical Sergeant and served as a tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator.

After flying 22 successful combat missions, Schroeder and his crew were shot down over France. Fortunately, the French underground rescued him and returned him to England where his leg was treated for shrapnel wounds. He resumed flying, but on his 26th combat mission, he was again shot down over France. This time, German troops found Schroeder, and he was taken as a prisoner of war. He was imprisoned at Stalag Luft One, in Barth, Germany, until the camp was liberated nine months later by the Russian Army in May of 1945.

Mr. Schroeder, a distinguished veteran, died in 1968 without receiving the numerous medals and honors he earned. His World War II experience reads like a Hollywood movie, but the bravery he demonstrated in the face of danger was real. Today, I am honored to celebrate the contributions he made to help win the war in Europe, and privileged to present these tokens of a grateful nation to the family of a true American hero.